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# TRAWL BANK FARE ON THE MARKET.

PRICE WILL SHOW EXTENT OF THE DEMAND FOR SALT COD.

A fare of salt trawl bank cod, which is on the market arrived here this morning, sch. Hazel R. Hines, Capt. Fred A. Morrissey, arriving with a catch which is hailed at 275,000 pounds. The fare will provide an excellent test of the strength or weakness of the salt cod market, and the price paid will indicate how much or how little salt cod are wanted by the cutters and curers.

The Hines is the first outside vessel of the salt bankers to arrive home this season, she like all the firm vessels which have been home, being greatly delayed and held up by the recent scarcity of bait, which condition of affairs has existed ever since bait played out at the Magdalen islands late in May.

Down from Boston are schs. Belbina P. Domingoes with 35,000 pounds of fresh cod and sch. A. C. Newhall with 25,000 pounds of fresh hake, all for the splitters.

Sch. Slade Gorton came in last evening with 1000 large fresh mackerel and 12 barrels of salt mackerel and this morning sch. Arthur James came along with 5000 large fresh ones.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Hazel R. Hines, salt trawl banking, 275,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Buena, via Boston, 100,000 lbs. fresh cod.
- Sch. Arthur James, Cape Cod Bay, 5000 large fresh mackerel.
- Sch. Slade Gorton, Cape Cod Bay, 1000 large fresh mackerel, 12 bbls. salt mackerel.
- Sch. A. C. Newhall, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh hake.

## Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Mary F. Curtis, shacking.
- Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shacking.
- Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.
- Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.
- Sch. Pontiac, Boston.
- Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, Cape Porpoise, Me.
- Sch. Mildred V. Nunan, Cape Porpoise, Me.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

- Salt Cape Shore mackerel \$13 per bbl.
- Trawl bank codfish, large, \$4; medium, \$3.50.
- Handline Georges codfish, large \$4.87½, medium \$4.37½, snappers \$3.
- Salt "Drift" codfish, large, \$4.62½, medium \$4.25.
- Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.12½, medium \$3.62½.
- Haddock, \$2.00.
- Pollock, \$1.75.
- Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.
- Hake, \$1.75.

Eastern shack trip cod, \$4.12½ for large and \$3.62½ for medium. All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above prices.

### Fresh Fish.

- Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.
- Large cod, \$2.40 per cwt.; medium, \$1.85 per cwt.
- Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.20 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for mediums.
- Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; Hake, \$1.
- Dressed pollock, 90 cts., round, 80 cts.
- Bank halibut, 5 and 5½c per lb., for white and 3c for gray.
- Fresh "drift" codfish, large, \$2.60 per cwt.; mediums, \$2.05.
- Cape North cod, \$2.20 for large and \$1.75 for mediums.
- Fresh large mackerel 15c and 17c each; small, 4c each.

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The most recent reports of the Billingsgate and Leadenhall markets, as summarized by the Fish Trades Gazette, show the total tonnage of fish delivered at Billingsgate during 1919 was 198,334 tons, an increase of 2613 tons; but there were 53 weeks in the last fiscal year, and allowing for this, and striking an average, there would be shown a decrease of 1770 tons in landborne fish and an increase of 630 tons in waterborne—a net decrease of 1140 tons.

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# TWO MACKEREL FARES LANDED.

SCHS. SLADE GORTON AND ARTHUR JAMES HAVE TRIPS AT THIS PORT.

Two small fares of mackerel arrived at this port this morning, both catches being made off Chatham. Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, had 1000 large fresh mackerel and 13 barrels of salt mackerel, while sch. Arthur James had 5000 fresh mackerel.

The fare of the latter sold to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company and that of the Slade Gorton went to Lufkin & Tarr.

A few vessels were in the vicinity, when these two catches were made, and two or three of them also made small catches.

## Traps Off Portland Taking Mackerel.

The mackerel have put in an appearance again on the Maine coast, and indications are just as good as ever that there will be a good catch off Portland before the summer is over. Wednesday 900 pounds were brought in from the Cape by Charles Olsen, who caught them in his traps at Richmond's island. They were fish in assorted sizes, but ran mostly toward medium weight.

It seems now from the indications that from now on there will be mackerel caught off Portland harbor. The spawning season is very nearly over and the fish should be coming out where they may be caught. None of the local seining fleet has landed any to speak of lately, but it looks as if some good fares might be brought in soon.

## Sch. Dauntless Stocked \$2165 on Fresh Mackerel Fare.

Sch. Dauntless, Capt. C. Wesley Farmer, stocked \$2165 as the result of her fresh mackerel trip landed at T wharf yesterday. The fish were taken off Chatham in 14 fathoms of water.

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## New Fish Corporations.

The Consolidated Fisheries Co. has been incorporated under the laws of Maine with \$1,000,000 7 per cent. cumulative preferred and \$1,000,000 common stock, has elected the following: President, Jeremiah Campbell, of Boston, and treasurer and director Henry Zahn, of New York. Besides these gentlemen the board of directors are Bernard Zahn, New York; Melvin G. Pallister, New York, and Capt. Florence McKown, Boston. Mr. Campbell is head of the Boston Fisheries Co., while Henry Zahn is president of the Sayles-Zahn Co., treasurer of the Walton Hotel Co., Philadelphia; treasurer of Smith & McNell's Inc., and director of the White Restaurant Co.

Eastern Fish Co., Portland. Packing and dealing in fish of all kinds. Capital, \$100,000. President, C. E. Eaton; treasurer, T. L. Croteau, Portland.

## Clam Diggers Picking Blueberries.

It is a far cry from clams to blueberries, but nevertheless they are pretty closely related to each other in Maine just at present. The clam supply is not over-abundant just now, and all because the blueberries are ripening. There are many places down Casco bay where blueberries are to be secured. The men who ordinarily dig clams are picking the berries and making a good penny so they do not give their attention to the bivalves. A goodly supply of clams is being received in Portland just the same, but no more than are needed. The demand is brisk for the summer business so that the annual harvest of the shellfish must be large to satisfy the appetites of the summer visitors.

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# SCH. SELMA'S HALIBUT FARE.

BRINGS 30,000 POUNDS BESIDE SALT COD AND FRESH FISH.

Sch. Selma has a fine halibut fare at this port this morning. The craft comes from Western Bank and Capt. Albert Saulnberg hails his catch for 30,000 pounds of halibut, beside 4000 pounds of salt cod and 40,000 pounds of fresh fish.

The halibut market at present is quite dull. The buyers say that there is a lot of bluefish in New York selling low, and this with swordfish being moderate in price, affects the sale of halibut considerably.

They also say they have quite a lot of fish on hand on the floors, beside some in the freezers in Boston and a good sized shipment of Pacific fish due the first of the week. Some fish at Boston was sent to the splitters Thursday.

Sch. Selma is at this port this morning with a splendid fare of fine new fish, and on account of the state of the market will probably lay over until Monday before selling or taking out.

The little shore fishing sch. Annie and Jennie is in here today with a small fare of fresh fish, which she will market at T wharf on Monday.

The shore seining fleet did nothing yesterday the bluebacks, shad and herring seeming pretty scarce at the present time.

This noon sch. Hattie L. Trask of the Georges handline fleet, which landed her halibut at Portland, arrived with 18,000 pounds of salt cod.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Sch. Selma, Western Bank, 30,000 lbs. halibut, 4000 lbs. salt cod, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.
- Sch. Hattie L. Trask, via Portland, 18,000 lbs. salt cod.
- Sch. Annie and Jennie, shore.
- Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
- Sch. Lafayette, via Boston.
- Steamer Water Witch, shore.
- Sch. Monitor, via Portland.

## Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Kineo, halibuting.
- Sch. Yakima, halibuting.
- Sch. Walter P. Goulart, haddocking.
- Sch. Harriett, haddocking.
- Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
- Sch. Mary A. Gleason, Georges, drifting.
- Sch. N. A. Rowe, swordfishing.
- Sch. Alert, seining.
- Sch. Constellation, seining.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Fresh Fish.

- Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.
- Large cod, \$2.40 per cwt.; medium, \$1.85 per cwt.
- Peak and Western bank fresh codfish, \$2.20 per cwt. for large and \$1.75 for mediums.
- Cusk, large, \$1.75; mediums, \$1.25; Hake, \$1.
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## Portland Fish Notes.

The Gloucester sch. Hattie L. Trask arrived at Portland Thursday from a four weeks' cruise on Georges, bringing in 7000 pounds of halibut in addition to about 18,000 pounds of salt cod. The halibut were sold to the J. W. Trefethen Co., but the salt fare were taken to Gloucester. Owing to a glut of halibut both at Portland and Gloucester at the present time the fare sold at the lowest prices ever known in the trade, the best fish only bringing five cents per pound with some going as low as three cents. The schooner report the northern edge of the Georges banks as being literally alive with herring, big schools being seen in all directions. On the morning of July 4 on the banks was in company with the Gloucester seiner Nellie Dixon her skipper reporting having seen no mackerel.

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# BIG SWORDFISH TRIP AT BOSTON

SCH. LAFAYETTE LANDED 106 SWORDFISH AT T WHARF YESTERDAY.

There were only two arrivals at T wharf yesterday, sch. Lafayette with a big catch, 106 swordfish and sch. Fish Hawk, of the fresh drift fleet, with 30,000 pounds of fresh cod, which brought a good price. The swordfish fare of the Lafayette will mean a big stock and share, as the fish sold at eight cents per pound, a cent raise over Thursday's price.

This morning there is only one arrival at T wharf, sch. Vesta being in with 45 swordfish.

## Boston Arrivals.

- The fares and prices in detail are.
- Arrived yesterday:
- Sch. Lafayette, 106 swordfish.
- Sch. Fish Hawk, 200 haddock, 30,000 cod, 100 pollock.
- Large cod, \$4.50 per cwt.; market, \$3.50; swordfish, 8c lb.
- Arrived today:
- Sch. Vesta, 45 swordfish.
- Swordfish, 8c lb.

# COMPARATIVE FISH RECEIPTS.

AMOUNTS LANDED AT THIS PORT AND BOSTON DURING MONTH OF MAY.

According to the report of the United States Bureau of Fisheries, there were landed at this port for the month of May 365 fares, aggregating 10,578,290 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$161,840 and 1,989,058 pounds of salt fish valued at \$59,336, a total of 12,567,278 pounds valued at \$221,170, while at Boston for the same month there were landed 7,400,200 pounds of fresh fish valued at \$180,170.

The receipts in detail were:

## Gloucester.

	Pounds.	Value.
Fresh cod, .....	2,018,265	\$45,292
Salt cod, .....	856,141	38,108
Total cod, .....	2,874,406	83,400
Fresh haddock, ....	579,079	7,953
Salt haddock, .....	19,581	392
Total haddock, .....	598,660	8,345
Fresh cusk, .....	740,323	13,160
Salt cusk, .....	10,802	270
Total cusk, .....	751,125	13,430
Fresh hake, .....	1,281,015	16,170
Salt hake, .....	6,715	129
Total hake, .....	1,287,730	16,299
Fresh pollock, .....	5,267,195	57,133
Salt pollock, .....	92,644	1,901
Total pollock, .....	5,359,839	59,034
Fresh halibut, .....	272,533	17,227
Salt halibut, .....	18,051	1,354
Total halibut, .....	290,584	18,581
Fresh mackerel, ....	7,110	598
Fresh herring, .....	312,700	4,397
Salt herring, .....	985,124	17,182
Total herring, .....	1,297,824	21,579

## Boston.

	Pounds.	Value.
Fresh cod, .....	2,879,200	\$71,445
Fresh haddock, ....	2,403,900	67,054
Fresh cusk, .....	548,200	10,174
Fresh hake, .....	1,257,200	19,561
Fresh pollock, .....	181,300	3,323
Fresh halibut, .....	110,400	8,255
Fresh herring, .....	20,000	358

## French Trawler Had Largest Catch.

The French steam trawler Rorqual, which arrived last week at St. Pierre from the banks, landed 4000 quintals of fish, the largest catch of any of the French trawlers now operating on this side of the Atlantic this season. The Rorqual had been fishing only about 25 days.

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## Fishing Fleet Movements.

- Sch. Sadie M. Nunan was at Shelburne, N. S., on Wednesday.
- Sch. Francis J. OHara, Jr., was at Liverpool, N. S., on Wednesday and cleared.
- Sch. Cynthia was at Canso, N. S., on Wednesday.
- Sch. Vanessa, cleared from Canso, N. S., on Wednesday for St. Pierre, Miquelon.
- Sch. Massachusetts, was at Canso, N. S., on Wednesday.
- Sch. Susan and Mary sailed from Canso, N. S., on Tuesday.



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## THREATENED TO DISMANTLE VESSEL.

The case of the Harmony of the Atlantic Maritime Company's fleet which was recently seized and fined at Harbor Breton, N. F., reached a sensational stage last evening, when a telegram from Capt. Christopher Gibbs was received stating that if the money for the payment of the fines aggregating \$1200 was not forthcoming by noon of today, the craft would be dismantled and the crew sent home. He advised sending the money at once.

As stated in the Times yesterday, the money for the payment of the fines was sent yesterday by telegraph to Minister Piccott of the marine and fisheries department, at St. John's, and a telegram was also sent to Capt. Gibbs at the same time notifying him of the fact that the money had been sent and to whom it was sent.

It seems evident from Capt. Gibbs' telegram of last evening that he either had not received the message sent him in the morning or else that the authorities at Harbor Breton had not been notified from St. John's that the money had been received there.

It seems proper that the money for the fines should have been sent as it was, to the marine and fisheries department, and it is inconceivable that the Newfoundland authorities would dismantle the craft and send her crew home because the fine had not been paid in four days after the trial, especially when the sentence was that if the fine was not paid in 30 days the craft would be confiscated.

There is nothing to be found in the Newfoundland law or in common sense

either which will back up the Newfoundland authorities in such a move as is indicated in Capt. Gibbs' telegram, and had it actually come to pass that the craft was dismantled by the Newfoundland authorities and her crew sent home, while the money for the fine was at the headquarters of the marine and fisheries at St. John's, there would have been a good deal more to the Harmony case than at present appears on the surface.

Evidently word was later sent to the authorities at Harbor Breton that the money had been sent to St. John's, for this noon Capt. Carl C. Young, assistant manager of the fleet to which the Harmony belongs, received the following message from Hon. A. W. Piccott, minister of marine and fisheries at Newfoundland:

"Sch. Harmony has been released. Sorry this should happen."

It is evident from the minister's telegram that somebody at Harbor Breton was trying to "throw a scare" into Capt. Gibbs in hopes of hurrying up the fine.

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### NEW VESSEL LAUNCHED.

Sch. Laverna Will Be Towed to This Port to Be Rigged.

The new sch. Laverna was successfully launched from Tarr & James' shipyard at Essex at high water Saturday. The launch was a very pretty one and was witnessed by a large crowd, among them her owner, Capt. Albert Larkin of this city, and several of his crew who will go with him in the new craft.

The vessel will be towed here and immediately rigged and sparred and then fitted for shacking.

Capt. Larkin is one of the brightest and most successful young men going master today in the fishing fleet and has brought himself to the front and ownership of his own craft by steady application to his chosen calling and the exercise of good judgment.

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### Baited at Miquelon.

Schs. Helen G. Wells, Theodore Roosevelt and others baited with capelin at Miquelon recently.

### Squid at North Truro.

A. Hughes of North Truro wires the Times that there is plenty of squid in the weirs there today.

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## APPEAL TO SECRETARY OF NAVY.

### Master Mariners Ask Transfer of Location of Gun Practice.

### Experiments Show That Mackerel Are Frightened by Heavy Reports

In line with the item in Friday's Times and the editorial in Saturday's issue regarding the target practise and big gun firing of battleships frightening mackerel away from their regular haunts, the Master Mariners Association has taken action, and as a result of a meeting the following strong and appealing letter has been sent to Congressman Gardner, with the request to lay the matter before the secretary of the navy:

Gloucester, Mass., July 8, 1911.  
Hon. A. P. Gardner, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—The Master Mariners' Association of Gloucester, Mass., most earnestly requests that you present to the honorable secretary of the navy its petition that the naval vessels refrain from target and other practice (which necessitates the

firing of guns) on the waters of the Atlantic north of Nantucket island.

The mackerel fisheries bid fair to give better results this season, if not interrupted by the firing of guns. Our claim, that the sound and vibration caused by the firing of guns does frighten the mackerel, is not subject to successful contradiction. Experience obtained by experiment has proven conclusively our contention.

The matter is vital. The possibility of securing good fares of mackerel this season is particularly important, as the industry has not been as successful recently as heretofore. It equally means dollars to us and to our families; dollars enough to give our wives and children proper nourishment and reasonable raiment.

We do not expect nor do we ask for luxuries, but we do pray that the necessities of life be not taken from us.

Very respectfully,  
GLOUCESTER MASTER MARINERS' ASSOCIATION.

James H. Stapleton, Secretary.

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### Rockport.

Victor Sampson landed a big cod one day last week. It tipped the beam at 101 pounds.

There have been some handsome cod landed here this year, many of them large ones, but none have reached that extraordinary weight.

About four years ago there was one landed here that weighed 106 pounds, and about the same time two brothers landed a couple weighing 96 and 97 pounds.

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## BAIT SCARCITY BOTHERS BANKERS

BUT LATE REPORTS SHOW THAT  
CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING.

Capt. Fred A. Morrissey of the salt banking sch. Hazel R. Hines confirms the news of the short catch to date of the trawl bankers and shackers. The captain says that a week ago Wednesday there were over 30 sail of American vessels lying off Miquelon beach, waiting for capelin and no capelin there. Many of them had been searching in vain for bait for the past three, four and five weeks. The captain had spoken many of the vessels and heard from about all the others and did not hesitate to give it as his opinion that to date the salt trawl bank and shack fleet is the poorest fished it has been for years.

There is no question but what the fleet is poorly fished to date and by the fair use of capelin to strike in early at Miquelon and the early playing out of herring at the Magdalen

islands has been seriously handicapped and lost valuable time which will be very hard to make up, and will leave its marks in the shape of a dent on the season's catch.

Just at present, however, things look some brighter in the bait line, for telegrams received by two of the large concerns Saturday state that some of their vessels had just baited with capelin at Miquelon and that these bait fish are now plentiful there. There has also been bait at Lockeport and Lower East Pubnico, several shackers baiting at the former place and this morning the Times received the cheering news from D. C. Mulhall of Liverpool, N. S., stating that all the traps in that vicinity are full of nice herring for baiting purposes.

The striking in of herring on this part of the Cape Shore generally means that there will be plenty of bait in that vicinity for three weeks at least.

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## FISH PLENTIFUL AT T WHARF.

HADDOCK LOW BUT FAIR PRICES  
PAID FOR OTHER KINDS  
OF FISH.

T wharf, Boston, has 33 arrivals this morning, among them six crafts with mackerel, six with swordfish, seven of the fresh drifters with all codfish, also the steam trawler Ripple. All the rest are market boats, the most of them with fine lots of haddock, which are meeting with very slow sale, a few being taken out at \$1.50 and the rest being evidently tagged for the splitters. Codfish are all right at \$3.25 to \$4 for large, but market cod at \$2 to \$2.50 is not so satisfactory.

The swordfish trips run from 10 to 109 fish, sch. Lillian having the latter amount, the total for the fleet being 369 fish, so the nine cents per pound for the fish admits of no kick.

Of the mackerel craft, four are of the regular seining fleet, steamer Bessie M. Dugan, schs. Monarch, Victor and Stiletto, with from 5500 to 6000 fish each, taken off Chatham, while steamer Philomena, from off Highland light brings 6000 tinkers of good size and the netter W. H. Clement has 175 large fish. Prices are good, the large fish selling at 22 and 22 1-2 cents each, the mediums from 15 to 17 and tinkers at 9 cents.

### Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Anne and Jennie, 6500 cod, 5000 pollock, 1500 halibut.

Sch. Flavilla, 300 haddock, 32,000 cod.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 20,000 cod.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 23,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 7000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Stiletto, 550 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Monarch, 6000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Victor, 7000 fresh mackerel.

Sch. W. H. Clements, 175 fresh mackerel.

Sch. Philomena, 6000 fresh tinker mackerel.

Sch. Georgianna, 65,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 10,000 hake.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 35,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 18,000 hake.

Sch. Robert and Arthur, 48,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 35,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 40,000 haddock, 1800 cod, 3500 hake.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 40,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 3500 hake.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 35,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. Emilia Ehos, 30,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Nettie Franklin, 26,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Matchless, 10,000 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Louise R. Sylva, 18,000 haddock, 4000 cod.

Sch. Mina Swim, 27,000 cod.

Sch. Juniata, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Viking, 19,000 cod.

Sch. Speculator, 18,000 cod.

Sch. Klondike, 1700 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Ripple, 41,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, 61 swordfish.

Sch. Sabine, 43 swordfish.

Sch. Lillian, 109 swordfish.

Sch. Freedom, 10 swordfish.

Sch. Mettacomet, 105 swordfish.

Sch. A. P. Parkhurst, 41 swordfish.

Haddock, \$1.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.25 to \$4; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50; hake, \$1 to \$2.50; pollock, \$3.50 to \$4; halibut, 6 to 8; swordfish, 9 cts. per lb.; large fresh mackerel, 22 and 22 1-2 cts. each, medium, 15 and 17 cts., tinkers 9 cts.; market very dull on haddock, considerable unsold.

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### Trawl Bank Cod Sale.

The fare of salt trawl bank cod of sch. Hazel R. Hines sold to Sylvanus Smith & Co., and George Perkins & Son at \$4.12½ per hundred weight for large, \$3.62½ for mediums and \$2.75 for snappers, this being the same as last previous sales.

### Making Ready for Shacking.

Capt. John Robbins is getting sch. Metamora ready again for shacking, the damage caused by carrying away her mainmast having been repaired at this port.